

**United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Oregon State Office
Eugene District**

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Travis Tyrrell Seed Orchard Caretaker Site Development
Environmental Assessment No. EA-04-14

The Eugene District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has analyzed a proposal for development of a one-quarter acre area for a caretaker site at the Travis Tyrrell Seed Orchard in an environmental assessment (EA-04-14). The Tyrrell Seed Orchard is a centralized tree seed orchard designed to provide genetically improved Douglas-fir seed for BLM's Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eugene districts and for nine private timber and seed companies. The purpose of the action is to develop a home site to accommodate a caretaker's travel trailer or manufactured home. The Orchard is a remote and extensive site with considerable BLM investment in facilities, equipment and materials and a permanent on-site presence is needed to reduce the potential for vandalism and theft. The EA considered a Proposed Action (Develop Caretaker Site), and the No Action Alternative.

A summary of the environmental effects (as discussed in the EA) follows:

- The Proposed Action would have no significant impacts on the social and economic environment in the region or the locality.
- The EA analysis did not identify any impacts of the Proposed Action on public health and safety.
- There are no unique characteristics, such as floodplains, prime or unique farmlands, or wild and scenic rivers within the project area.
- Impacts on the quality of the human environment would not be highly controversial.
- There are no highly uncertain, unique, or unknown risks involved.
- The Proposed Action would involve only a single site development project and would not establish any precedent for future action.
- The EA analysis considered the impacts of the proposed action and did not identify any cumulative effects of the action when considered with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions.
- There are no known cultural resources within the project area.
- The EA analysis showed that the potential for environmental problems occurring with the Proposed Action was minimal. The EA analysis also concluded that the Proposed Action would have no effect on any threatened or endangered species.
- This action has no adverse energy impact, as outlined in the President's National Energy Policy (Executive Order 13212).
- The Proposed Action would not violate Federal, State, and local law requirements imposed for protection of the environment.

Determination:

On the basis of the information contained in the EA, and all other information available to me, it is my determination that implementation of the Proposed Action would not have significant environmental impacts not already addressed in the *Eugene District Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement* (November 1994), and the *Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* (June 1995), with which this EA is in conformance, and does not, in and of itself, constitute a major federal action having a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an EIS or a supplement to the existing EIS is not necessary and will not be prepared.

Approved by: _____

Julia Dougan
Eugene District Manager

Date

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**DECISION RECORD
for
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BACKGROUND

The Tyrrell Seed Orchard is a centralized tree seed orchard designed to provide genetically improved Douglas-fir seed for BLM's Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eugene districts and for ten private timber and seed companies. The purpose of the action is to develop a home site to accommodate a caretaker's travel trailer or manufactured home. The Orchard is a remote and extensive site with considerable BLM investment in facilities, equipment, and materials. Although security checks are done during off-hours by law enforcement and BLM staff, a permanent on-site presence is needed to reduce the potential for vandalism and theft.

This Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the caretaker site development. Copies of this decision are posted on the Eugene internet WEB site at: <http://www.edo.or.blm.gov/planning>.

DECISION

Based on the analysis contained in the EA, I have decided to implement the caretaker site development proposal with the Proposed Action (Develop Caretaker Site), herein known as the "selected action".

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The alternatives considered in detail included the proposed action (Develop Caretaker Site) and alternative A (No Action). A complete description of the alternatives, analyzed in detail, is contained in the EA (pages 2-4).

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Considering the content of the EA and the management direction contained in the Resource Management Plan, I have decided to implement the selected action as described above. My rationale for this decision follows:

- The selected action provides the best means to address the need as stated in the EA (page 1). Development of a caretaker site would provide a permanent on-site presence needed to reduce the potential for vandalism and theft.
- The selected action is consistent with applicable land use plans, policies, and programs (EA pages 1-2).
- This action has no adverse energy impact, as outlined in the President's National Energy Policy (Executive Order 13212).

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Copies of the EA and draft FONSI were made available to the public for review and comment between, May 19 and June 18, 2004. No comments were received.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) was not required because the action would have no effect on any listed species (EA, p. 4).

APPEAL PROVISIONS

The effective date of this decision shall be the date of publication of the Notice of Decision and FONSI in the Register Guard. Any person adversely affected by this decision may appeal it to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. If an appeal is taken, a notice of appeal must be filed in this office (P.O. Box 10226, Eugene Oregon 97440, 2890 Chad Drive, Eugene) within 30 days from the date of this decision. In an appeal the appellant has the burden of showing that the decision is in error.

Approved by: _____
Julia Dougan
Eugene District Manager

Date